

REMARKS

A. Status of Claims.

Favorable reconsideration of this application as presently amended is respectfully requested. Claims 7-17 are pending. In this Amendment, Claims 1, 2, A1, A2, A3 and A4 are canceled as being directed to non-elected species. Claims 7-17 have been amended to put these claims in proper numeric sequence. Claim 12 has also been amended to clarify the scope of this claim. No new matter is added.

B. Amendments to Specification.

The specification has been amended to note that the present application claims the priority of U.S. Application No. 10/781,916 and to address typographical errors in the specification.

C. Election of Subject Matter to Prosecute, Further to Restriction Requirement for U.S. Patent Application No. 10/781,916.

In the present application, Applicants have elected to prosecute the subject matter identified as Species 2 (Claims 12-17) of the Restriction Requirement in the Notice of Allowance of April 24, 2006 for U.S. Patent Application No. 10/781,916 of which the present application is a divisional application. The amended claims are presented in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(c)(1)(i).

D. Conclusion.

It is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance, and favorable action is respectfully solicited.

If the Examiner has any questions or concerns regarding the present response, the Examiner is invited to contact Mark J. Guttag at 703-591-2664, Ext. 2006.

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